

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments were made to the specification to correct errors and to clarify the specification. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments to the specification.

Claims 10 and 21 are pending in the present application. Claims 10 and 21 have been amended, and Claims 1-9, 11-20 and 22-23 have been cancelled, herewith. As described below, the only remaining claims in this case are previously allowable claims, and therefore this case is in condition for allowance.

I. Objection to Claims

The Examiner stated that Claims 10 and 21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Claims 10 and 21 have been amended accordingly, and therefore it is urged that Claims 10 and 21 are allowable.

II. Specification

The Examiner noted that the Abstract exceeded the allowable word count, and Applicants have amended the Abstract accordingly such that it has less than 150 words.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kakuta et al. (US 6,243,824) in further view of Yang et al. (US 2004/0059855). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-9, 11-20 and 22-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 10 and 21 are allowable for reasons given above with respect to the Objection to Claims discussion.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome.

IV. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted.



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